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BASE BALL'S HOLD ON AMERICAN PEOPLE

Base ball's firm hold upon the affection of the American public was demonstrated yesterday by the presence upon seven different fields in various cities of approximately 125,000 persons when the season for the two major leagues was opened formally. Rain bars St. Louis from the total.

An average expenditure of 50 cents by each person shows that \$62,500 was invested in enjoyment of the greatest of national amusements in these large communities alone.

At no time in the varying history of the game have the prospects for a splendid season been brighter on the opening day. There is an assured promise of financial success as well as an improvement of the sport.

The first day's attendance shows the public purse to be open to its full width for healthy amusement, and there is no club in the American or National League which does not feel that it is in much better shape to wage a pennant contest than it has been at any time in the past.

There is a freedom from complications about franchises and about players and a harmony of the men constituting individual clubs which are distinctly noticeable. Where a few of the veterans have disappeared from the limelight a lively lot of youngsters has forged to the front to fill the vacant places and work for the fresher laurels.

The attendance by cities yesterday was: American League—New York, 23,000; Chicago, 20,000; Cleveland, 15,000; Boston, 14,000. National League—Brooklyn, 21,000; Philadelphia, 17,000; Cincinnati, 15,000; St. Louis, no game (rain).

Keely Ordered to Washington.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
CHICAGO, April 15.—It was announced by good authority yesterday that Bert Keely will join the Washington team either today or tomorrow. It seems that Keely was originally signed by Jimmy Callahan of the Logan Squares, but Callahan and Callahan got together, and it was arranged that the latter manager should turn over the little player to Washington, providing that he would open the season with the Logan Squares. This suited Callahan, but the national commission ordered him to Washington, thereby closing the case.

New Men for Union League Club.
Three new players have been added to the list of the Washington Union League Club by Manager Irwin, they being a

shortstop, a center gardener and a first baseman.

Charley Moran, the former Georgetown crack, and at one time with the Washington Americans, is the new shortstop signed by Manager Irwin, and the latter expects much from the Washington boy coming season. Moran has been booked by the St. Louis Americans and the Rochester Easterns since his departure from this field. John Gilbert, who hails from Little Rock, is the new center fielder. Ed Connors comes highly recommended from the Tri-state League and will cover the initial corner.

The Union squad will leave Philadelphia Thursday morning early for home and will attack up against the Baltimore Union Leaguers that afternoon in an exhibition game. Four exhibition games have been arranged between these clubs.

Base Ball Tomorrow.

The Government Printing Office Specials and the Advent Athletic Club base ball teams will line-up tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock on the grounds at North Capitol and Adams streets. The former would like to receive challenges from teams of the city. T. A. Connor is the manager.

Want Games.

The bureau of standards base ball team desires to secure games with other teams of the city. Address C. L. Larzere, manager.

SCHLECHTER MAINTAINS LEAD IN CHESS TOURNEY

VIENNA, April 15.—The players engaged in the international chess masters' tourney at the local club in this city met yesterday morning in the seventeenth round, and when play ceased at 9 o'clock Schlechter still was leading Duras and Maroczy, who tied for second and third places. Mises and Tartakower distinguished themselves by winning brilliant games against Berger and Marshall, respectively.

The other games resulted as follows: The American Johnner beat Spielmann. Suchting lost to Maroczy. Leonhardt lost to Cohn. Salve to Rubinstein. Reti to Perls and Duras and Teichmann and Schlechter and Bardeleben drew. The game Swiderski-Alapin was adjourned, the position being greatly in favor of Swiderski.

The record to date:

	W.	L.
Schlechter	12	4
Duras	12	4
Maroczy	12	4
Salve	11	5
Teichmann	11	5
Tartakower	10	6
Mises	9	7
Perls	9	7
Cohn	9	7
Swiderski	9	7
Marshall	9	7
Reti	12	12

BASE BALL SEASON GETS A FINE START

Thousands Turn Out in Seven Different Cities.

BOSTON BEAT NATIONALS

"Cy" Young Very Effective and Given Grand Support.

SMITH ALSO PITCHED WELL

New York Racing Starts Today.
Georgetown Beats Dartmouth.
Big Pool Tourney.

American League Clubs' Standing.

Boston.....	1	0	1.000	Washington..	0	1	.000
Chicago....	1	0	1.000	Detroit.....	0	1	.000
St. Louis...	1	0	1.000	Cleveland....	0	1	.000
New York...	1	0	1.000	Philadelphia.	0	1	.000

National League Clubs' Standing.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago.....	1	0	1.000	Brooklyn.....	0	1	.000
Boston.....	1	0	1.000	Philadelphia..	0	1	.000
New York..	1	0	1.000	Pittsburg.....	0	0	.000
Cincinnati..	0	1	.000	St. Louis....	0	0	.000

Yesterday's National League Games.

Chicago, 6; Cincinnati, 5.
New York, 3; Philadelphia, 1.
Boston, 3; Brooklyn, 3.
St. Louis-Pittsburgh-Rain.

TODAY'S BASE BALL SCHEDULE.

American League.
Washington at Boston.
Philadelphia at New York.
St. Louis at Cleveland.
Detroit at Chicago.

National League.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
New York at Philadelphia.
Boston at Brooklyn.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—It was not the fault of Pitcher Charley Smith that the Washingtons failed to land the game of last evening. He did remarkable work in the face of discouraging support. The Washingtons not only did very little to help him in the field but utterly fell down with the bat. Your uncle big "Cy" was in the box, and in his initial game pitched a record of nine strike-outs, five in succession in two innings, with two strikes on the sixth man. It was not until the very last inning that Washington scored, and then after everybody thought a shut-out for "Cy" was a cinch, and then "Jim" Delehanty dropped the ball over the left fence, a feat that had been accomplished but once before by a visiting ball topper—Pat Dougherty.

It was not a half bad day for an opening and the people showed their thirst for the great national game, turning out in hordes, the official figures being 18,422. The crowd overflowed all the seats into the field and a numerous assembly was obliged to stand.

Many Changes.

Boston had an entirely new outfield as compared with the club of 1907 and a new man on second and third. Washington also was decidedly changed. Freeman did good work in the field, barring a bad error that gave Boston its first run, but he fell down woefully at the bat, striking out three times. Shipke showed up splendidly in the field but fanned twice in three times up.

McGuire was presented with a fine floral corsage, and the two Lowell friends came down handsomely with a fine silver service.

Sheridan umpired well.

The National League clubs gathered a very easy run without making a hit. Thoney was given his base and Smith caught him off the base. Freeman threw the ball over McBride's head, allowing Thoney second. Lord sacrificed prettily and Thoney made third, scoring on a wild pitch. In the third inning, the second inning was a blank for both sides. Young showing his condition, fanning Freeman and Street in succession.

In Boston's turn Laporte mouned McBride's fine one-handed catch of his liner that killed a hit. "Cy" again did the one-two-three act in the third and Washington had still to ache for a bag, and he all but fanned the side again, there being two strikes on Smith when he hit a fly into the field, which England gathered splendidly. Boston made another run in his hit.

First Hit for Boston.

Young made the first hit of his side and a double play would have been easy off Thoney, but McBride got in the way of the play and then threw over Freeman's head allowing Cy to go to third and Thoney second. Lord fouled to Street.

McHale and Gessler both walked, forcing in a run. Laporte was third out on Shipke's throw. With the top of the batting order up in the fourth Washington went out in succession for the fourth time. Pick made the best effort of his side up to this time, a long fly that Thoney gathered. Wagner made Boston's second hit in the fourth, but was left on second.

Washington was robbed of a run in the fifth by Laporte of Street's drive to right. Street made a fine double beyond Thoney, but was left. In the sixth Shipke singled to right and took second on Smith's sacrifice. "Pick" drew a gift. Ganley's bunt was well handled by Lord and "Del" was easy on Young's assist. Boston clinched matters by scoring on Gessler's single. Laporte's sacrifice and Unglaub's double. With two down in the seventh Street reached sec-

ond on Thoney's rank muff and was left on McBride's out to McHale. There was nothing doing after this until the ninth, when Ganley nailed and got too venturesome and tried second, but was thrown out by Wagner, who threw from the third base line. Del then hit over the left-field fence. Clymer sent a fly to Thoney and Freeman fanned for the third time, ending the game. The score:

BOSTON.	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Thoney, 1b.	3	1	0	4	0	1
Run, 2b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
McHale, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gessler, rf.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Unglaub, 3b.	3	0	0	12	0	0
Freeman, ss.	3	0	1	1	2	0
Wagner, p.	3	0	1	0	3	0
Clymer, c.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Young, p.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	4	27	11	1

WASHINGTON.	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Pickering, 1b.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Ganley, rf.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Delehanty, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Clymer, rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Freeman, 1b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Street, c.	3	0	0	15	0	0
McBride, ss.	3	0	0	2	3	1
Shipke, 2b.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Smith, p.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	4	24	15	2

Two-base hits—Unglaub and Street. Home runs—Delehanty. First base on error—Laporte.

Washington, 1; First base on balls—Off Young, 1; off Smith, 3. First base on error—Boston, 1; Washington, 1. Struck out—By Young, 9; by Smith, 4. Will pitch—Smith, Empire-Mr. Sheridan. Time of game—1 hour and 30 minutes.

New York, 1; Athletics, 0.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Before one of the largest crowds that have ever witnessed an opening game in this city, the major league base ball season was formally inaugurated yesterday at American League Park. The Philadelphia Athletics were the contestants for honors with the locals, and the men of both teams were on their mettle from start to finish. One of the best-contested games ever seen at American League Park resulted in the locals winning the twelfth inning by 1 to 0. The winning run was made on hits by Kleinow and Doyle and an out-field fly by Niles.

The bleak weather of the day, unusual even in April opening, did not prevent the gathering of a strong throng that crowded the stands and encircled the field, necessitating ground rules. The score:

PHILA.	AB.	R.	BH.	PO.	A.	E.
Hartel, 1b.	4	1	0	0	0	1
Nichols, 2b.	4	0	0	0	0	0
David, 3b.	5	1	0	0	0	0
Murphy, 2b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Turner, 3b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Oldring, cf.	5	1	0	0	0	0
Smith, 1b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Shupe, 2b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kleinow, 1b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Doyle, 3b.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	5	13	13	0	1

Two out when winning run made.

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BASE BALL NOTES.

"Cy" Young always beats the Washingtons. Don't worry; he can't pitch all the games.

Little Shipke was there with the goods, both in the field and at the bat. He is credited with a couple of corking fast plays around third.

McBride and Freeman got a bad start, and it will do them good. Now is the time to get over all that little nervousness.

Charley Smith was there or thereabouts throughout the nine innings. Too bad he didn't receive better support from his colleagues.

Treasurer Fowler is reported to have suffered from cramps in his arms counting up the pastebills after the game in Boston yesterday.

Boston and Washington clash again this afternoon, and we have hopes of better things. Burns may pitch for the Nationals, but nothing is sure in this respect until the last minute.

The local "fans" are certainly loyal to the Nationals. There was a big crowd in front of the Star's bulletin board last evening and it hung on until the last man had been retired.

Harry White pitched the White Sox to victory, and Jakey Atz, another Washington boy, played a fine game at second in place of George Davis. If Atz can hit the ball around .300 he will make a great utility man for Comiskey.

That was a great battle over in New York between the Yankees and Athletics and puts a kink in those yarns about allowing the home team to win the opening game. The Yanks had to scratch gravel for their lonesome but winning tally.

The new men on the Yankees didn't do anything to distinguish themselves. Hemphill, Niles and Stahl going without a hit, in Cleveland the new men did wonders for Jimmy McAleer, Williams getting two singles.

With Cleveland starting off with a defeat there is chance of the Blues doing better this season than ever. A rule against the pitcher's arm and then shut up like a clam at the finish.

Manager Donovan of the Brooklyn is trying to recall the release of Pitcher Hunter, who let Atlanta down with two hits the day he was sold to the Nashville club.

Since Tom Jones recovered his batting eye he is the happiest man on the Browns. Old Tom is going great guns in the field as well.

Manager Mike Kelley of Toronto has secured Catcher Benus Pearce, formerly of the St. Paul team. Pearce goes to Toronto in exchange for Outfielder Walsh and another Toronto player, probably a pitcher.

The University of Michigan base ball team, with F. Harman Lenthum, formerly of the Eastern High School, in the box, defeated the Tennessee University Monday afternoon by a score of 19 to 4. Lenthum had good control and pitched a fine game. This is his first big college game and